

DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL PLANNING

Memorandum

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TO: All Staff
FROM: Jon Sanabria
Chief Deputy

SUBJECT: POLICY REGARDING MEDIA ACCESS TO HEARINGS

In order to ensure full compliance with the Brown Act, it is imperative that the media be allowed full access to the Regional Planning Commission (RPC) hearings at all times during public hearings. At least three (3) seats will be reserved and labeled for this purpose in the hearing room (Room 160). In instances when the hearing room is at full capacity, staff responsible for the hearing will also ensure the outside speaker is operational to permit persons not allowed inside because of fire regulations to follow the proceedings. Staff will make every effort to identify and allow additional members of the media in the hearing room.

This procedure shall apply in all locations where the RPC and Hearing Officer/Examiner have hearings.

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